

Domestic Violence in Georgia

National facts

- On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends every day in the United States.
- In the year 2001, more than half a million American women were victims of nonfatal violence committed by an intimate partner.
- As many as 324,000 women each year experience intimate partner violence during their pregnancy
- Homicide is the leading cause of death among pregnant women.
- Approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner.
- More than half of female victims of intimate violence live homes with children under the age of 12.
- Studies suggest that between 3.3 to 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually.

Georgia facts

- In 2004, 107 Georgia citizens died as a result of domestic violence.
- Georgia law enforcement officers responded to 67,989 family violence incidents in 2003.
- 93,280 crisis calls were made to domestic violence shelters in 2005.
- Georgia's certified family violence programs provided shelter for 4653 adults and 4956 children for a total of 219,982 bed nights in 2005.

Georgia resources

- A statewide, toll-free 24-hour crisis line 1-800-33-HAVEN (334-2836) will automatically connect a caller to the nearest family violence agency.
- Outside of Georgia, a national, toll-free 24 hour crisis line 1-800-799-SAFE will automatically connect a caller to the nearest family violence agency.
- Georgia certifies 45 family violence agencies throughout the state. These agencies are operated by private, non-profit agencies and provide 24-hour crisis lines; legal and social service advocacy; children's programs; parenting support and education; emotional support and community education. These agencies also provide emergency safe shelter. All services are free and confidential.
- All county DFCS offices have domestic violence assessors to assist DFCS staff in providing crisis intervention and support services to domestic violence victims receiving or applying for TANF assistance.